

CLAIMS

1. A feeding bottle for babies or young children comprising a container body and a closure therefor, wherein the container body before use has a cover protecting the interior thereof.
2. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottle comprises components that are stackable in sets of the components.
3. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the cover extends into the container body, whereby container bodies are stackable one within the other.
4. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the cover is adhered to the rim of the container body at its open end.
5. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the cover is made of flexible plastics material.
6. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the cover is non-stick relative to the material of the container body.
7. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the cover is made of polystyrene.
8. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the bottle comprising a container body and a closure therefor, is provided as a stack of container bodies one within the other and a stack of closures on top of each other.
9. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 8, wherein the closure component

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includes a teat for the bottle.

10. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 9, wherein the teat is a separable component.

11. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 10 further comprising means for locking the teat in place.

12. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 11, wherein the locking means comprises a locking ring to clamp a flange of the teat between the closure and the ring.

13. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 9, wherein the teat is bonded or co-molded to the closure.

14. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 9, wherein the teat is attached to one end of the container body and a closure is attachable to the opposite end of the body.

15. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 14, wherein a cap is provided for protecting the teat.

16. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 15, wherein the cap is a press-fit over the teat onto the closure or sides of the body.

17. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the bottle has a closure having a drinking spout.

18. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 17, wherein the spout has a slit for a drinking opening.

19. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 17 or 18, wherein the spout is situated close to an edge of the closure.

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20. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 17, 18 or 19, wherein the closure has a vent.
21. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 20, wherein the vent is in the form of a slit.
22. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 20 or 21, wherein the vent is in a depression of the closure.
23. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 20, 21 or 22, wherein the vent slit is shorter than the slit of the drinking spout.
24. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 17 to 23, wherein the spout is co-moulded onto the closure.
25. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 24, wherein the vent is co-moulded onto the closure.
26. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 25, wherein the closure is a screw cap.
27. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 26, wherein the closure is non-removable once the bottle has been filled.
28. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the closure and container include a ratchet mechanism.
29. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 25, wherein the closure is a snap-fit onto the body.
30. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 29, wherein a formation is provided on the body to inhibit removal of the closure.
31. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 30, wherein said formation is a rib or

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the like to inhibit levering off of the closure.

32. A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 31, wherein the rib extends outwards to be substantially coterminous with the outer extent of the closure.

33. A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 25, wherein the closure is adapted or arranged to form a fluid tight seal with the container body.

34. A container body for a feeding bottle for babies or young children, wherein the container body before use has a cover protecting the interior thereof.

35. A container body as claimed in claim 34, wherein the cover extends into the container body, whereby container bodies are stackable one within the other.

36. A container body as claimed in claim 34 or 35, wherein the cover is adhered to the rim of the container body at its open end.

37. A container body as claimed in claim 34, 35 or 36, wherein the cover is made of flexible plastics material.

38. A container body as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 37, wherein the cover is non-stick relative to the material of the container body.

39. A container body as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 38, wherein the cover is made of polystyrene.

40. A package comprising a stack of container bodies as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 39 and a stack of closures therefor in sterile condition.